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A TYPICAL NEW NEGRO

HON. J. E. BUSH OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS.

Receiver of Public Moneys Under Two Administrations—Silent of Complaint Against Hardships—An Acquisitive Temperament Yielding \$40,000 in Material Substance.

We have always maintained that in spite of its vicissitudes, its persecutions, and the dead weight of ignorance it has had to carry, the race in the great Southland is our highest hope.

We hear of times that try men's souls, we are taught the immense cleansing and purifying power of the fires of adversity, and it does indeed seem that we are already beginning to demonstrate the truth of both adages.

The struggle for education and for material advancement is keen enough in the North, but no such sacrifice of manhood, no such profound humiliation is required of the Northern Negro as is and has been the fortune and the fate of the Southern brother.

A beneficent Providence has, however, given the race an indomitable will and an insatiable appetite for the higher things of life, and we are just simply going to have them, come weal or come woe.

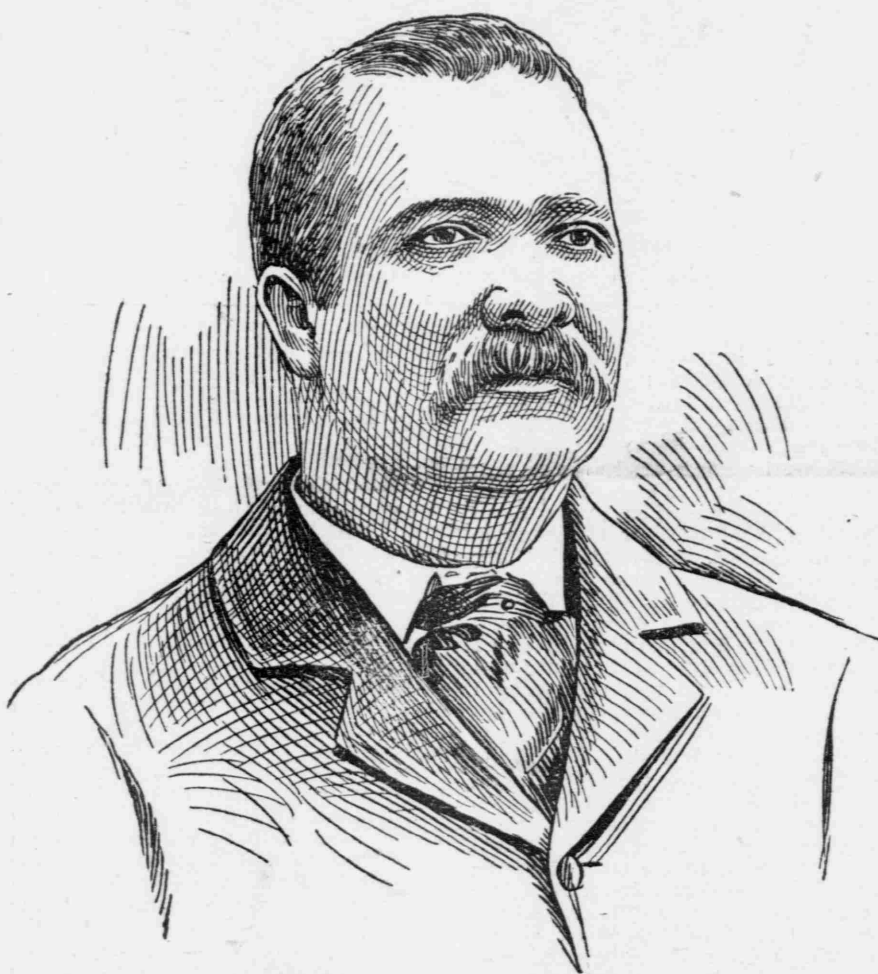
How many admirable examples have we already of the race's determination to elevate itself? There is hardly a city in the South in which there is not an embarrassment of riches in this regard. And they are not all preachers or teachers or politicians, even; please remember! In every industrial pursuit, in every economic cause they are numerous, and it is not true that whenever their work is compared with that of the white man in similar situation, the Southern Negro is holding his own with his white brother and is feeling no sense whatever of mechanical or intellectual inferiority.

Where can we find a brighter example than that of Hon. J. E. Bush, of Little Rock, Arkansas? Here is a gentleman, still comparatively young, but who is an unqualified success. Born in Tennessee in 1856 and brought up in the State of Arkansas during the dark days of the war of 1851, he soon saw, "Who would be free, himself must strike the blow."

With energy and self-reliance he acquired an excellent education, paying for his tuition by molding brick. His tongue has, however, always been silent of complaint against the hardships which attended his struggles upward and onward, and his true manliness soon won its reward. Almost immediately after completing his course, he was selected as principal of a school at Little Rock, Arkansas, and after a service of two years there, accepted a position of principal of the school at Hot Springs, in the same State.

In 1875 he was induced to enter the U. S. railway mail service, and soon be-

MEN OF THE HOUR.



HON. JOHN E. BUSH.

Receiver of Public Moneys at Little Rock, Arkansas. Under Two Administrations—A Vital Factor in the Political and Commercial Life of His State.

came one of the most accurate and reliable clerks there, winning high commendation from the authorities and being fully indorsed for the position of chief clerk of the division in which he was serving by the entire Republican State Central Committee of Arkansas.

Mr. Bush is now receiver of public moneys at Little Rock, Ark., having been appointed to that position by the late President McKinley in 1898 and re-appointed by President Theodore Roosevelt.

But the service which Mr. Bush has rendered which has reflected the greatest credit on himself and been of greatest benefit to his people was the creation and thorough and successful organization of the Mosaic Templars of America, a beneficial organization whose ramifications now include ten States and two Territories, a membership in excess of 25,000, and which, since its organization in 1882 has paid out in death benefits more than \$100,000. Mr. Bush is the Grand Scribe.

Mr. Bush has also what we (to use an euphemism) may call the "acquisitive temperament," for we are reliably informed that he is a holder of real estate to the handsome tune of \$40,000.

Mr. Bush stands in our highest class as a convincing and magnetic orator, a

forceful writer, a faithful and capable public servant, a man of affairs, and of the highest integrity. He represents the highest type of the new Negro, keeping pace with the progress and achievements of this restless age, and he stands as a splendid example for the emulation of aspiring youth.

From the moment you engage in any business, says a writer in The Delineator for November, you must realize your responsibility. During business hours your time belongs to your employer. Every girl who enters business may as well understand that the ranks are crowded, the supply is greater than the demand, and that incompetent, inefficient, negligent workers are not wanted. Be interested in your work. Avoid complaining to yourself or to others about your work, or talking as if it were a grievance. Take pride in doing your work well whatever it may be. Remember that advancement comes to the painstaking, cheerful young woman who takes an interest in the business. Cultivate a cheerful alacrity, instead of a bored, languid, or, possibly, an antagonistic manner. A neat personal appearance and an appropriate style of dress are likewise important.

A KING OF COMMERCE

COL. CHURCH RECIPIENT OF GRACIOUS HOMAGE.

Representatives of Every Line of Racial Endeavor Testify Appreciation of a Man Whose Capital is Industry and Whose Character is an Inspiration that Uplifts—Judge Terrell's Hospitality.

A festal occasion that shall linger long in the memory of all who were present was the complimentary "stag" given in honor of Col. Robert R. Church, of Memphis, Tenn., by Judge Robert H. Terrell at the beautiful home of the latter, 326 T street northwest, on Friday evening of last week. Not a more representative assemblage of gentlemen of the negro race has ever been gathered together under any one roof in this land, the company typifying in its broadest sense the education, the wealth, the moral culture, and solid worth of our progressive people. That such a splendid aggregation of men who are engaged in a daily conflict with the stern activities of this age of keen competition to pause and bow in homage to one of their brethren who has wrung success from the vineyard is the highest of compliments to him who occupied the "center of the stage," and indicated as no other sign could so emphatically have done the lofty esteem and deep regard in which Col. Church is held by the leaders of thought throughout the land. In that brilliant throng the statesman, jurist, lawyer, doctor, educator, journalist, author, banker, and general business man touched shoulders, and when their voices were lifted up in mellifluous speech the chord of praise for the masterly achievements and proud record of Col. Church as a man and citizen rang with perfect timbre. It was a fitting tribute to one who has pointed out in his own way, and proven by mathematical exactness, that energy is sufficient capital to make a business pay, and that unceasing industry is a motor that moves only upward. Just as other leaders are succeeding along lines worked out by their peculiar genius, Col. Church chose the business arena, and is among the first to understand that the prime requisite in the work of race building was to secure large holdings in the material things of life, that character and cash are "running mates," and that culture is the goddess that awaits them at the goal. Col. Church has done his full duty, and in the city of Memphis her people, irrespective of race, look to him for wise counsel, for substantial aid, and for inspiring example. His business enterprise there, his mammoth auditorium, his beautiful home, and his open purse for public benefit all stand as monuments to his high conception of the trust that has come to his hands. At the door on this auspicious evening each guest was greeted by Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, the gifted and gracious daughter of Col. Church. Her winning

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